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#### FROM ORAN.

Mrs. Alice Terry, of Little River, is visiting friends in Oran at this writing.

Mrs. Kettle and daughter, of the Cape, spent the Fourth in Oran. Miss Kettle remained and is visiting Mrs. Peter Dirnberger.

Father Brandt, of Charleston, delivered one of his interesting and instructive sermons at the Catholic church last Sunday night. Subject: "Beware of false teachers." Father Brandt does not believe in private inspiration. He gave several instances of men who claimed to be in direct communication with God who turned out to be false teachers and were executed as criminals.

Picking blackberries is the order of the day with many of our citizens at this writing.

W. H. Stubblefield went to White Springs last week to make arrangements to move his family there for the next few months. Miss Sallie Shumate will probably go to the Springs, too.

Frank Zundel returned from St. Louis last Sunday. He reports business almost at a standstill, except the river traffic which is exceptionally good.

Grover must have an interest in railroad stocks from the active interest he is taking in the strike. If he had been as active in the past as now in trying to produce peace and harmony among his people, he and they would be much happier to-day.

Little Birch Glenn met with a painful and perhaps a serious accident last Saturday. His hand was caught between a rope and pulley used by Stubblefield & Co., to hoist hay. The flesh and bones of the fingers were crushed and lacerated to a considerable extent. The hand is badly swollen at this writing.

Mrs. George Rupp, of St. Louis, sister-in-law of Judge Hess, is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Dr. C. C. Harris, of Morley, was here Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary Smith who keeps the restaurant and bakery, seems to be doing a good business.

Rev. Reeves, of Morley, preached for Caneyites last Sunday evening. He will likely preach for the people of Wiley's schoolhouse in the near future.

Rev. Taylor, a Campbellite preacher from near Blodgett, preached at the schoolhouse, here Sunday evening and Monday night.

Judges Hale and Nutt are trying a suit to-day styled Spradling vs. Dohogne.

News in Oran has likely gone on a strike as there is none to be had for love or money.

The railroad strike is a bonanza for the city dairies and the train "news butchers."

Mrs. A. J. Horn and Miss Carrie Forrester went to Silkeston last Sunday and returned the same day.

There must have been some mistake about the army worms eating up all the timothy. We see a great deal being hauled over our streets.

Mrs. Lina Daugherty, of Commerce, attended church here last Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Jourdan, of Silkeston, spent part of last week in Oran, the guest of her mother, Mrs. H. C. Allman.

There was quite a jolly dinner party at Vincent Heisserer's place last Sunday.

The biggest gathering of the season will be held at Walker's Benton Barbecue next Tuesday. The program is good throughout and all who missed a good time on the Fourth are coming to make up for it. Don't miss it!

The Benton and Sandywoods ball teams had a game at Benton last Sunday. Benton again came out victorious—36 to 27.

Capt. Gray, who has been helping Judge Leedy for several weeks, was called to Grand Tower last Friday to take charge of the boat plying between that place and Crystal City.

Lost:—A note, from J. J. Miller and Dan Cannon, to Rolen Cannon, dated about Nov. 4, 1893. Said note has been paid and all parties are warned not to trade for it.

ROLEN CANNON.

J. W. and Frank Baity, of Blodgett, were at the capital Sunday.

#### FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Our farmers are very busy threshing and wheat is turning out well. Corn has been greatly benefited by the recent rains, and the prospect for a large crop is better than for years past.

Squirrel hunting is on the docket, but complaint is being made that there are very few this year.

Frank Bles and some other local ninnies captured four young coons last week, and the boys are trying their utmost skill to train them to cut capers on the next 4th of July exposition.

Hamburg will have a creamery, the stock has been subscribed in full, location selected and work will be begun immediately.

Your scribe failed to respond the last two weeks, a matter of neglect and overproduction of work, as also a two week's sojourn among the aggrandizers at the river city of old Scott.

J. F. Leeper, of Alton, Ill., contractor of the creamery, left for his home Wednesday.

D. F. Sullivan, of the Cape, has been re-employed to teach the Scherer school the next term, and D. F. Hines, of Morley, makes his start at Pleasant Hill.

Dr. A. List, of the Cape, is here filling and extracting teeth.

The urchins are out daily picking blackberries. The crop is very short and inferior to that of other years, yet berrying is enjoyed nevertheless.

Joseph Herbst, of Oran, attended church here Sunday.

Louis Wellman has recovered from a severe attack of throat trouble.

The severe storm passing over this section did considerable damage to the corn, and unroofing of wheat stacks.

Leo Stehr visited Cape Girardeau on Monday.

The firm of Dirnberger & Schlosser has dissolved. Nick Schlosser retires from the business, while Adam Dirnberger continues at the old stand.

Our town was treated with a lively piece of music last Monday. Two Italians chanced along, and tuning their violins, struck up the beautiful overture by Gamberini Gambino. Their fortissimos becoming too annoying, they were ordered to stop and leave town.

Mr. Anderson, of Commerce, passed through town last Wednesday. Adam Dirnberger took a trip to Oran on Wednesday.

The Houck road will be ready for the melons without fail. The incline at Commerce is finished and melon switches have been put in at all necessary points on the line. The transfer boat, Gen. Macomb, will be used, and our farmers will have a clear shoot into and through Illinois at cheap rates. This new outlet will by its competition cheapen rates on the Iron Mountain road, and put a snug extra sun in the pockets of the melon raisers.

The Benton and Blodgett base ball clubs will play a game at Benton to-morrow (Sunday) evening.

The Commerce Base Ball club proposes to give a grand barbecue on or about the 25th inst. Particulars next week.

Woods & Hutton have clear cy. press lumber for sale at their mill at 50c. per hundred.

A new national holiday has been added to the calendar, viz, Sept. 21st, to be known as Labor Day.

Z. T. Gordon, the photographer, has left Benton, having been called to the dying bed of his father in Illinois.

There was no picnic at Batts' schoolhouse on the Fourth, but we understand they are to have a rouser in the near future.

The races at Cape Girardeau, which were postponed on the Fourth on account of rain, came off Tuesday and attracted quite a crowd. The Jackson gun club and the Jackson bicyclists were winners in the contests they entered.

The Barbecue and Picnic season is only just begun. If you want effective bills let us know. We can suit you every time.

—Mont. Wade drove to Egypt Mills, Cape county and back Wednesday, a distance of fifty miles.

—The threshers are having ideal weather this week.

#### AN OLD TIMER.

Constable Burton, of Sandyland, was in Benton Tuesday and exhibited a curiosity in the way of a Democratic election ticket of 1860. At the head was the name of Claiborne F. Jackson for governor, and for Attorney General was the name of J. Proctor Knott. The names were printed in unusually large type, and the heading was in ornamental type—such as is now prohibited by law. The county ticket reads as follows: For representative, James A. Powell; for sheriff, Wm. H. Howell; for Justices of the county court, John Barnes, Francis Kirkpatrick, B. F. Hunter; for assessor, Chas. H. Kew; for coroner, John F. Lowder; for county treasurer, John Moore; for school commissioner, A. Waugh, Jr. Many people are yet living in the county who voted this ticket.

#### JUST PLAIN STRAW!!

It is about time to agitate the good roads question again, at least to the extent of putting straw on the high-ways in the melon districts. It was tried in and around Blodgett, Porter's Switch, Crawford, Diehlstadt and various melon shipping points last year and proved an unqualified success all around. Now why don't these same people repeat the same dose to these sandywoods instead of burning the straw up clean. You may stand at Blodgett any night and see the flames of from six to ten straw piles on fire. Straw the Roads!

#### Ho, for the Twenty-fifth.

There is to be a Barbecue at Woodland Park, Oran, on July 25th—and don't you forget it. The managers are getting ready a splendid program of amusements, including Horse and Bicycle Races, Balloon Ascension, Fireworks, the Steam Swing, Good Music, a fine Dinner and Supper and the best Dance and Dining Halls in Southeast Missouri. You got to the Park—they'll do the rest.

#### The Commerce Picnic.

The barbecue given by the Ladies' Aid Society at Commerce Thursday was a very pleasant affair. As is always the custom with the ladies of Commerce, they spread an excellent dinner, and all present received the utmost attention. The crowd was not unusually large, but it was a very sociable one, and everybody had a good time. Several candidates were present and, of course, made their business known to the voters.

#### PUBLIC SALE

Of the partnership property of Vincent Heisserer and Josephine Halter on the Vincent Heisserer farm, one and one-quarter miles southwest of Benton, Mo., on

MONDAY, JULY 23, 1894.

Two 6-year-old mares with mule colts. Four 2-year-old mules. One 1-year-old mule. One 2-year-old filly. One 1-year-old filly. Eight cows. One heifer. Six or seven brood sows. About forty head of stock hogs. Half of all corn, hay and oats.

V. HEISSERER.

JOSEPHINE HALTER.

—Charley Wylie is one of the victims of the Debs strike, being laid off, like many other operators, until the trouble is over.

—V. O. Scofield, of Blodgett, Indianapolis and elsewhere, "borrowed" Chap Myers' horse (not Rip Van Winkle) Wednesday and came up to Benton. He has got the melon situation figured out all right, thus: "Enormous crop. Georgia melons charged up to Debs. Texas crop, ditto, with dots. Debs and his tie-up ancient history by the time Scott county fruit is ready. Everybody yelling for melons. Good markets, fabulous prices, happy melonaires. Hurrah, for Debs!"

—The scarcity of other fruit this season makes blackberries more than usually valuable, and the pickers are busy. The crop here is fairly good, but the late berries need rain to develop them.

—Mont. Wade drove to Egypt Mills, Cape county and back Wednesday, a distance of fifty miles.

—The threshers are having ideal weather this week.

#### FROM BLODGETT.

J. D. Peal and daughter, Miss Pearl, left for St. Louis last Monday.

Dossa Allison, the veteran melon and cantaloupe dealer of St. Louis, is in town looking after his interests.

London Sherrill returned Monday from Stoddard county, where he says he found a good market for hickory and ash shrubbery.

The Glorious Fourth was celebrated in great shape here. In the morning a heavy rain fell till 11:30 when the weather cleared, having satisfied his wrath, the tables were literally lined with hungry humanity who devoured the 1284 pounds of barbecued meat which was prepared by Hon. W. B. Congleton, Jeff Smith, et al. in the very best shape. The crowd numbered at least 700 and one man puts it at 800. Blodgett never gets left—she has Chicago's own luck.

The youngest child of S. H. Reames is quite ill at present writing, but hopes are entertained of ultimate recovery.

The dramatic entertainment presented on the night of July 3rd, was voted a success, notwithstanding the fact that some of the performers had only rehearsed twice. The receipts amounted to \$21.75 which went to the churches at this place. The comet solo rendered by Misses Celia and Jennie Antoine was applauded to the echo.

W. H. Heisserer, Hon. A. DeReign, Collector White and Wm. Tanner were in town Monday.

Monroe Fulcher has the horns on the wheat question so far. His average on 140 acres is 19½ bushels. Mr. F. has paid all fines and dues assessed against him by the Ananias club and thinks he will ship cantaloupes by Sept. 1, 1894.

John Hobbs, of Oran, came down for a load of cantaloupe baskets for Matthews, Stubblefield & Co.

A car-load of cantaloupes was shipped from here on Thursday the 12th inst., by express. They went to St. Louis via Pacific Express Co.'s special car, as the R. R. Co. declines to receive perishable freight.

Jack Welch, of Silkeston, was circulating among friends here Monday and Tuesday.

The R. R. Co., opened its bowels of mercy and shunted in about 50 cars here Wednesday morning.

The Ananias club had put ice in its hat and settled down for a snooze as the M. W. L. stood up and called the gang's attention to his subject.

All over this land of strikes and boycotted beer, high taxes and fights, philosophers are coming out of the bushes and boarding houses to tell the people what the country needs.

A labor agitator who never labors with anything but his jaw, gets up on a beer keg and says we need shorter hours for work and more pay for doing it. The inside back pages of the Magazines tell us that we need Pears' soap. Coxey thinks we need a government wiser than Omnipotence for which we may all work, and from which we may all draw wages. One man thinks we need prohibition, another, that free whisky and free love is just the thing. Some say one cent postage is the idea and some say the boys and girls should marry at seventeen and so on through all the fools' Congress.

Now the sense of this gang runs like this: We need less cry and more wool, fewer statesmen and more farmers, less Senate and more sense, less fun and more "mun" and now while the evening shadows are stealing over the hill and the freedman brother is stealing poultry, we whisper you in the voice of the great yearning that now is the time to join the Ananias club and plant your subscriptions for the NEWSBOY—the only paper now on earth.

MARANIELLO.

—Ernest Larey, of Silkeston, is in Morley with the hoodoo outfit of the defunct Methodist Advocate, and proposes therewith to fill "a long felt want" by the establishment of an "Independent Democratic" paper, whatever that may mean. Of course, the paper has "come to stay." Bro. Larey is a hustler.

#### A Creamery for New Hamburg.

A creamery company has been organized at New Hamburg consisting of 26 stockholders, each holding \$100 stock. J. F. Leeper, of Alton, Ill., representing J. J. Smith, of Sweet Springs, Mo., was there this week, and contracted to put in a plant, to be in operation by October. The concern will have a capacity of 8,000 pounds of milk or an output of 400 pounds of butter per day. The cost of the completed plant will be \$2,500, contract not complete until the plant is in working order.

With an improved breed of cattle in this country and more of our soil devoted to grazing purposes, we see no reason why a creamery should not succeed. One thing is obvious—some change from a wheat base is desirable. Cattle and poultry pay big money elsewhere and can be made to do so here. The thing is, at least, worth a fair trial.

#### SOUTHEAST NOTES.

The Jackson Cash Book pours hot shot into the Cape Democrat stock company and the Republican county ring.

A jewelry store at Dexter was burglarized on the night of the Fourth, and sixty-six watches stolen.

Four of the striking switchmen and a section boss, at Bird's Point were arrested and put under \$2,000 bonds for obstructing traffic.

Wallace Crook, a half-breed negro Indian desperado of Mississippi county, was shot by Jim Frazer Tuesday last week. Crook had threatened to kill Frazer, but the latter took effective measures to block that game.

The county candidates in Stoddard county have a regular route mapped out, and speak at certain places on dates agreed upon.

Jacob Kirtley, living near Farmington, hung himself on the 1st inst. Bad health is believed to have been the impelling cause.

There is room for a newspaper at Malden, the News having suspended. Marble Hill would like another railroad, so as to have competition in freight rates.

Cape county papers are taking a deal of credit to the jury that sentenced Frank Newsom to hanging.

Mrs. J. M. McClean, of Cape Girardeau, will enter the lecture field.

The Populists of the Fourteenth District have nominated Hon. A. H. Livingston for Congress.

Miss Mamie Taylor, a Poplar Bluff schoolmarm, has fallen heir to twenty million dollars.

The Perryville & Chester R. R. is expected to be ready for business by the middle of August.

A windstorm in Pemiscot county took part in a baptizing ceremony, blew the bible out of the preacher's hand, killed one woman and four horses and scared the congregation badly.

New Madrid reports hailstones weighing 3½ ounces during the recent storm.

The Catholic church at New Madrid will hold a centennial celebration on the 17th inst., Father Gibault, a Catholic missionary, having made the place his headquarters in 1794.

A gun accident near Morehouse on the Fourth resulted in the death of John Ayersman, one of a hunting party.

Who says apples are scarce? In Kennett last week they sold at 25c. per bushel.

Some Southeast papers still publish Hicks' weather "forecasts." Hard up for copy, boys?

Stolen by and from the Madison County Democrat: A Laclede man purchased a revolver for his wife a few days ago and insisted on target practice so that she could defend the home in case of his absence. After the bullet had been dug out of his leg and the cow buried, he said she had better shoot with an ax.

#### Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between Nicholas Schlosser and A. W. Dirnberger is this day dissolved. All parties indebted to the late firm are requested to settle the same with A. W. Dirnberger on or before August 15, 1894. New Hamburg, Mo., July 2, 1894.

#### The Cost of a Loaf.

No one but Robert T. Tomet, the Scotchman, who went out of the provision trade two years ago to go into the hogs' bristle and hair business, would have thought of stopping in a bake shop in Glasgow to buy two big loaves of bread before taking the steamer on his return trip. His fellow-passengers may have regarded the bread as Robert's lunch but it was not. He reached the Chicago board of trade with the loaf in his arms the other day. He took it to the office of McDougall & Co. Was it to settle a bet with his friend Mc Dougall? No. The bread was brought to expose the greed of Chicago bakers. The loaves weigh 2 pounds each, and the bread weighing 4 pounds, cost 9c in Glasgow. The Chicago loaf, which cost 5c, is supposed to weigh 1 pound. As a matter of fact the average Chicago loaf weighs about 14 ounces.

Allowing that the loaf weighs 15 ounces, that is one third of 1 cent an ounce at 5c a loaf. The two Scotch loaves weighed 64 ounces, and at the Chicago price of bread per ounce, they would have cost \$1 13c, instead of 9c. And this Glasgow bread was made of flour from wheat sent from Minneapolis or Chicago. Two years ago when wheat in this market went above \$1 for a few days, the Chicago baker marked the nickel loaf up to 6c. When the price of wheat got back to 90c, the loaf was made 5c again.

Wheat has been going down for fifteen months, and good milling grain is now selling around 50c. Flour is cheap accordingly. No one has heard of bakers marking the loaf down to 3c, or even 4c. With about 50,000,000 bushels of wheat in Chicago elevators, Chicago poor people pay two and three-tenths more for bread than is paid on the other side, where wheat and flour is imported.—Chicago Journal.

#### No Religious War.

There is no danger of a religious war in this country, or any part of the civilized world. The religious war passed away two or three hundred years ago, never to come again. Any attempt made to set religious denominations by the ears will prove futile, and will involve those making it in disaster. How can it be claimed that there is any danger of Catholic domination in our politics when those countries in which Catholicism flourished for centuries have severed church and state? What nonsense to say that our political institutions are in danger of overthrow from the Church of Rome, when the Pope is without political power in his own capital and in his own country. Mexico is a Catholic country but how much influence has the priesthood there? We see people here with eyes turned toward heaven, trembling knees, and countenances agitated, from fear of murder by their Catholic fellow-citizens, but when we turn toward the old world we find it moving calmly on with no fear of the church. The Catholic church is a proselyting church; so are all others, to a greater or lesser extent, but church organizations should be kept out of politics. How nice it would be for the American people to take each other by the throat over a question of a politico-religious nature and quit thinking about the great economic questions now agitating the public mind! Nothing would suit the plutocracy better than such a state of affairs.—Ironton Register.

#### The Public Entomologist.

The duties of the public entomologist are to obtain and disseminate information, and also arrange specimens for illustrative and museum purposes. This office has been held by Prof. C. V. Riley for nearly twenty years. And his retirement comes now practically after a life's work, which has been well performed. He leaves behind him a monument of practical results, the outcome of untiring research. In an editorial article on him the "Washington Post" says: "His work in Missouri, his investigations into the ravages of the Western locust or grasshopper, his rescue of the orange groves of California and Florida from threatened blight, and his development of the Entomological Bureau of the Department of Agriculture in this city are but a few of the many instances which have added to his reputation as well as to the general welfare. The cotton fields of the South and the hop fields of the North have alike been visited by him in the work of saving them from destruction. It is pleasant to notice, of course, that the sphere of his usefulness has not been confined to this country, but that in France and other countries he has successfully made war against the enemies of the grape vines and other growths. The memberships with which he has been honored in foreign societies attest the high esteem in which he is held abroad—an esteem which is supplemented in the United States by a sincere appreciation of his valuable work.—Colman's Rural World.

#### A Typical Anarchist.

John Most, the anarchist, who has already served one term in a New York prison for his lawless utterances, both oral and written, now carries a more severe penalty. A few days ago Most's newspaper contained the following: "Whoever wants to undertake an assassination should at first learn how to use the weapon with which he desires to accomplish his purpose before he brings it definitely into play. Attempts by means of the revolver are utterly played out, because out of twenty attempts only one is successful, as experience has thoroughly shown. Only expert deadshots may thoroughly rely on their ability to kill. No more child's play! Serious labor! Long live the torch and bomb!"

In an interview after the assassination of Carnot this bloodthirsty outlaw said that he admired Santo and predicted that he would be honored in future when the world understood his principles and motives. "Now, here is a man in our largest city who is permitted to openly advise assassination and point out how it may be successfully accomplished. The authorities are guilty of criminal negligence when they allow such public enemies to run at large. If existing statutes do not provide an adequate penalty for their offense, then a new law covering such cases should be passed without delay. Most richly deserves hanging for what he has already done, and there is no telling what mischief may result from his teachings.—Detroit Free Press.

#### LATEST STRIKE NEWS.

The presence of United States troops in Chicago has restored order in that city, and trains are again moving freely on almost all lines. The backbone of the strike is clearly broken and things will be in their normal condition in a few days.

The orders issued to the trades by the Knights of Labor, which would have thrown out two millions of men, are being disobeyed, although 16,000 of the allied trades are out in Chicago.

A military train at Sacramento, Cal., was wrecked by strikers and four killed and a number injured.

The Trades Council, numbering 26,000 at St. Louis, agreed to strike next Saturday.

The Knights of Labor propose to call for the impeachment of Atty. Gen. Olney, but are not likely to succeed.

The Senate has indorsed the action of the President on the strike.

The rioters have yielded to the inevitable, and the trouble now is confined to scattering points.

Strikers are everywhere returning to work.

The fog is almost up and the atmosphere is rapidly clearing. Full particulars on second page.

#### A Chat With the Conductor.

"It must be awful on a man to run one of these electric cars," said the old man in a confidential way to a conductor on a Woodward avenue car.

"Well I dunno," "Just expectin' death any minit, I s'pose."

"Hardly that." "But it's a steady strain on your mind. Can't tell when a wire's goin' to break and send your soul a-kittin'. Then you've got to look out for passengers and teams and people on foot and children. Lord above, but I should think you'd just shiver all the time!"

"No I don't shiver much." "That shows how brave you are. I never had much sand myself. I s'pose you never turn pale when you run over a woman dressed right up to kill?"

"I probably change color, but don't get very pale."

"Lands alive! but it would skeer me half to death! Kill somebody every five minits I s'pose?"

"Well, not quite so often as that." "Every ten then? I could never stand it myself. I s'pose the car kinder bobs around when you run over five or six folks to once?"

"Yes kinder." "By George you are as cool as ice! Is that the trolley up thar?"

"Yes." "And when she slips off and busts things you stand right here with your hands in your pockets and let 'er rip?"

"Yes." "Wall, I'll be hanged! Say! thar's a feller up my way who has killed a mad dog, broke a tramp's leg and licked three men in fair fights, and he's swellin' around and callin' hisself some pumpkins. Come up Sunday and give him one crack and see him fall dead."—Detroit Free Press.